

REMARKS

The Preliminary Amendment filed July 3, 2004 was considered to be non-compliant in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 15, 2004. This Notice appears to have not been received as no record of receiving the Notice can be found.

Nevertheless, the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed in view of the Preliminary Amendment filed July 3, 2003. Failure to comply with the Notice resulted, under 37 § C.F.R., "in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment" (Notice, Page 1). Accordingly, claims 1-87 were pending after the Preliminary Amendment of July 3, 2003 was not entered.

Claims 1-87 have been cancelled.

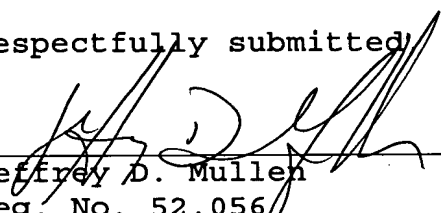
Claims 88-124 have been added in order to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments.

The title of the invention to more accurately reflect the claimed invention.

The specification has been amended in order to cross-reference a related application.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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